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Upon entry of this preliminary amendment, the claims pending are claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 12, 16-20.

Applicant requests withdrawal of the Notice, as applicants did not file an amendment on 11 June 2008. A review of PAIR shows that the paper which serves as the basis for the Notice appears to have been a copy of PCT papers provided by the International Bureau of the application of which this is a national stage, copy attached. The only amendment submitted by applicants was a preliminary amendment filed on July 21, 2006 with the national stage papers which removed the multiple dependencies and placed the claims in proper form for US prosecution.

Applicants request that any consideration of the original PCT papers placed in the electronic file wrapper as amendments be withdrawn in order to avoid the applicants being charged fees for improper claims which were eliminated by the preliminary amendment filed with the original national stage papers.

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